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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/688,060

Applicant(s)

SAUERWEIN ET AL.

Examiner

Peter Szekely

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 April 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: A Reynolds factor, especially a Reynolds factor greater than 3000, or a hot air stream at a throughput of 3000-7000 Bm³/h cannot be found in the specification (claim 5). Neither is there present in the specification a hot air stream in excess of 5000 Bm³/h or a circumferential speed of a motor greater than 70 m/sec (claim 7). Also missing are the speed of the rotor which is greater than 60m/sec (claim 6), the BET surface increase of at least 20% (claim 8) and the MFI increase of at least 20% (claim 10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The meaning of the Reynolds factor and the meaning of the abbreviation Bm³/h are not explained in the specification.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

6. The term "largely retained" in claim 9 is a relative term, which renders the claim indefinite. The term "largely retained" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. It is not known what the numerical value of "largely" is. Furthermore, it is not known the BET surface area increase of the claimed aluminum hydroxide is compared to what kind of aluminum hydroxide.

7. Claims 5-7, 9 and 10 recite limitations with numerical values (see paragraph #1) in the rejected claims. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claim 1-3 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bongartz et al. 5,127,950 or Ricoh KK JP-63-139364.

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10. Bongartz et al. disclose aluminum hydroxide having a BET specific surface between 3 and 9 m²/g, preferably 4 and 6 m²/g and an average grain diameter of 0.5-1.1 microns. Plastics are shown in claim 18. Ricoh KK teaches aluminum hydroxide particles having a BET specific surface area of less than 20m²/g, an average grain size of 0.1-5 microns and vinyl polymers in the Abstract. The examiner agrees with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China that the presence of boehmite, the oil absorption and the water absorption are inherent in the composition. The MFI is also inherent in the composition. The residual moisture is conventional. Applicants' claims are not novel.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

11. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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13. Claims 1-3, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bongartz et al. 5,127,950 or Ricoh KK JP-63-139364, in view of CN 87 1 07410 or Bowthorpe-Hellermann Limited GB 2 231 333.

14. The primary references have been described already. The examiner, who does not speak, read or understand Chinese accepts the conclusions of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China. Bowthorpe-Hellermann Ltd. recites polymers, aluminum hydroxide and protecting cables in the Abstract, particle size and specific surface area on page 3, first and second paragraph and extrusion on page 3, fourth paragraph. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art; at ht time the invention was made, to select the polymers of the secondary references and their method of coating cables, since this has been the customary method of coating and these are the customary materials used.

Allowable Subject Matter

15. Claim 4 is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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